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25 KILLED AND LESS THAN 100 INJURED IN JAPANESE AIR RAIDS

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.

According to latest war communique, the total casualties so far reported in three air raids on the Calcutta area are 25 killed and less than 100 injured.

The third enemy attack on Calcutta area last night was made by three aircraft.

R. A. F. fighters went up to intercept, and preliminary reports indicate that in the ensuing combats, two of the raiders were damaged.

This raid over the city was of a short duration. Bombs were dropped by the Japanese at random, and the places hit could not be described as military objectives. Anti-aircraft fire was heard.

The Japanese raiders have attacked non-military objectives, and the people killed are non-military Indians, including women and children.

A market place was hit and also two bustees. There were a few casualties some of which proved fatal. Among the latter were a Bengali woman and her two children. The raid lasted an hour.

The people took shelter calmly and except for A.R.P. on duty there was no traffic. Half an hour after the all clear the city was back in bed.

India Command Communique

NEW DELHI:— An India Command Joint War Communique says:

"It is now possible to give a comprehensive picture of the first three Japanese air raids on the Calcutta area.

The total casualties so far reported in these raids are 25 killed and less than 100 injured. Some of the latter received only superficial injuries.

On each occasion, Calcutta was given adequate warning and our fighters were up. The A.R.P. services were ready for action, but there were few calls made upon them. The number of enemy air craft used in these raids has progressively decreased. On the third night, only three planes came over.

The damage caused has been slight. A few fires were started, but they were quickly brought under control. One of the fires was extinguished by a house fire party of three persons using a stirrup pump.

Generally, public morale has been excellent, though except in Calcutta, there appears to be an unfortunate if natural tendency to magnify events. There has been no evacuation, and shops and business houses are functioning as usual.

Bengal Civil Defence Parleys

A press communique says:—

The Hon. Sir J. P. Srivastava, Member for Civil Defence had talks to-day with the Hon. Mr. Santosh Kumar Basu, Minister-in-Charge of Co-ordination of Civil Defence measures in Bengal and the Hon. Mr. Pramatha Nath Bannerjee, Revenue Minister, Bengal, at which important matters arising out of Sir J. P. Srivastava's recent visit to Calcutta were discussed in detail.

There were also present at the conversations Mr. A. W. Ibbotson, Director-General, Civil Defence, Mr. A. V. H. Symons, Joint Secretary, Civil Defence Department, Brigadier A. J. Reeve, Director (Operations and Training), Mr. P. D. Martyn Jt. Secretary, Home Department, Government of Bengal and Mr. B. R. Sen, Revenue Secretary, Government of Bengal.

Among the subjects discussed was the question of securing the fullest possible co-operation of the public in civil defence matters and of easing the immediate problems with which the public and Government would be likely to be faced as a result of air raids.

The Hon. Mr. Santosh Kumar Basu, Minister for Civil Defence Co-ordination and the Hon. Mr. P. N. Banerjee, Revenue Minister, Bengal have issued the following statement:—

"Calcutta had seen air raids on two successive nights immediately before we left. The damage done to property was very slight, almost negligible. The normal life of the city was going on as usual, and the city services were functioning without being affected in the least. Casualties were extremely light, though very unfortunate, however small. There has been another raid since we left, and our information is that damage to life and property was again very small. Any rumours to the contrary have no foundation in fact and should be discouraged."—A.P.

BR. "REDS" ASK FOR AFFILIATION

(From Our Own Correspondent)
LONDON Dec. 22

The Communist party of Great Britain has applied to the Labour Party for acceptance as an affiliated organisation.

Mr. Harry Pollitt the Party's Secretary has written a letter to Mr. J. S. Middleton, who is Secretary of the Labour Party saying: "My Committee feel from experience gained that the course of the United struggle against fascism has shown the tremendous part a united working class movement can play in war and reconstruction and the Communist Party is fully prepared to accept all obligations of being affiliated to the Labour Party."

FREEZING RICE STOCKS

The Government of Bombay has extended the period of its order, issued on September 22 1942 freezing stocks of rice in Bombay for a further period of six months from December 21, 1942.

PRIMATE'S MESSAGE TO CHRISTIANS

LONDON December 23.

The Archbishop of Canterbury in a Christmas message to Christians in Europe says: "We must lay a sure foundation of Justice supplying to Justice the power which will ensure its maintenance against greed, ambition and aggression.

Referring to the military events, the Archbishop says that it may still be long before the hour of liberation strikes, but in the place of hope, there is now confident assurance. All must pledge themselves to ensure the reality of the peace when the fighting ends in freedom's triumph.

Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster, in a similar message says that the Christmas lesson cannot be lost to mankind in spite of the present turmoil and salvation depends on the realisation of Christian ideals.—Reuter.

Madras Board Of Reserve Bank

MADRAS, December 23.

The first meeting of the Madras Board of the Reserve Bank was held this afternoon at the bank premises at which Mr. C. R. Srinivasan was elected President and Dewan Bahadur T. Raghaviah, Vice-President of the Board.

Rao Bahadur C. Gopala Menon, Rao Bahadur R. Ramjidas Iyer and Mr. H. I. Wonfor have been renominated to the Madras Board for a further term.

At a meeting of the elected members of the Madras Board of the Reserve Bank held this afternoon Mr. C. R. Srinivasan was elected unanimously as director of the Central Board.—A. P.

STOP PRESS

NEW JAP FORCE FOR BURMA

CHUNGKING, Dec. 23.

A Chinese military spokesman said to-day that the bulk of the Japanese garrison force at Saigon in French Indo-China had been transferred to Burma. The transfer is stated to have taken place before the start of the British operations against Akyab.

NAZI THREAT TO SPAIN

NEW YORK.—An Associated Press dispatch from Ankara quotes a usually well-informed foreign source as saying that the Germans were bringing heavy pressure on Spain for permission to occupy Balearic Islands in Western Mediterranean and would take them by force if necessary. A high diplomatic source said that after the American landings in Algeria, he had definite information that the Germans were planning the occupation of all Spain.—Reuter.

Line Clear For Burma Invasion

ALLIED BOMBERS SWOOP JAPANESE SUPPLY BASES FROM AKYAB TO SABANG

LONDON, December 23.

An Admiralty communique states: "A naval force operating in Bay of Bengal carried out a heavy air attack on the night of December 20 and 21 on military targets at Sabang which lies at the northern end of the Island of Sumatra. Large explosions followed by fires were observed. All our aircraft returned safely."

The communique's mention of "heavy air attack" suggests that the raiders flew from an aircraft-carrier, says Reuter's Naval Correspondent. Sabang is the likely port of supply for the Japanese armies opposed to General Wavell's move into Burma and so there would be good reason for planning the raid on a considerable scale. Moreover, the Japanese have developed the place as a naval base. They have installed cranes and loading gear, and it is quite possible that submarines operating in the Indian Ocean have re-fuelled here. Sabang has a dry dock which may now have a capacity of 5,000 tons, slipways for the construction of small ships and lighters upto a thousand tons, coal wharves, petrol tanks and a wireless station. It is one thousand miles due east of Colombo, and is separated from Singapore by 600 miles stretch of the Malacca Straits, the scene of a big naval battle earlier in the Pacific War. The Japanese bombed it a year ago during their attack on Sumatra. The harbour was their main objective, but they did little damage.—Reuter.

U. S. Bombers Over Rangoon

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23.

On Sunday, December 20, two formations of American heavy bombers were over Rangoon during daylight hours, says a communique issued by Brigadier General Clayton Bissell, Commanding Tenth U. S. Air Force. In the first of these two raids, the enemy's most important rear-line airfield, Mingaladon, was heavily and successfully bombed. Many large calibre bombs were placed on the airfield. Direct hits were scored on runways and hangars.

Shortly thereafter, an even larger force of four-motored heavy bombers attacked railway yards and docks in Rangoon city. Many large bombs were definitely seen to fall in the target area. As the bombers left the area, fires were observed in the railway yards and among the docks.

On December 21, American medium bombers made a precision daylight raid against important enemy railroad yards in Central Burma. There were many direct hits on tracks, sidings and rolling stock. These bombing attacks were repeated during daylight December 22.

On December 22, a large formation of our heavy bombers attacked Rangoon shortly after noon. A large number of heavy bombs fell on docks and warehouses.

All of our planes and crews returned safely from these operations. The only enemy attempt at interception was made by two enemy fighters near Rangoon on the 22nd. One enemy fighter was probably destroyed.—A. P.

Akyab Bombed

An India joint war 'communique' says:—

Yesterday December 22, R.A.F. fighters and bombers attacked several objectives in the Japanese occupied Bur— A steamer at Akyab was damaged by bombs and machine-gun fire in a low level attack. Enemy motor transport in the Myittha Valley was machine-gunned and bombs were dropped on Gangaw. Akyab was bombed again last night.

From these and other operations none of our aircraft is missing.—A. P.

Dangers Of Air Raid Not Remote

MADRAS, Dec. 23.

A Press 'communique' says:—

The Government have received a number of requests for the relaxation of lighting restrictions on some nights between the 24th December, 1942 and the 1st January, 1943. The recent attacks on Calcutta should serve to remind the public that the dangers of an air-raid are not so remote as to render the relaxation of lighting restrictions advisable. In the circumstances, the Government regret that they cannot agree to any relaxation at the present time.—A. P.

Chimur Arson Case Judgment

45 Accused Sentenced

CHANDA (C P.), Dec. 23.

Judgment in the main Chimur arson case was delivered to-day by the Special Magistrate of Chanda. Thirteen accused were sentenced to 7 years' rigorous imprisonment and 32 to five years' rigorous imprisonment each. Fourteen accused were acquitted. Originally a "challan" was put up against 76, out of which 17 were discharged.

The convictions are for offences of arson and the looting of the police station house and constables' quarters at Chimur on August 16 last.

The court-room was heavily guarded when the judgment was delivered.—United Press.

TWO ARRESTS IN CITY

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

An attempt which was made by some persons to take out a procession at Lal Baug this evening was frustrated by the police. A passerby was injured, when a soda-water bottle was thrown at the police party.

Two persons are learnt to have been arrested under the Defence of India Rules from the Parel area to-day.

2 MONTHS FOR PROCESSIONISTS

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mrs. Nalini Kulkarni, Miss Vina Thakore, Mrs. Kusum Master, Mrs. Kapila Indrajit Thakore, Mrs. Kamalini Sarat Kumar Vir and Miss Rasika Khandwala, who were arrested on December 18, being found taking part in a public procession and alleged to have committed prejudicial act exciting disaffection towards the Government and shouting National Songs were arrested by Mr Sawant, Inspector of Police Princess Street Police Station and produced before Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagoan Court to-day.

All the accused were charged under Secs. 56 (1), 38 (5) read with 38 (1) (a), 36 (e) (k) under Defence of India Rules, and sentenced to undergo 2 months' simple imprisonment.

Collective Fine On Varad Village

On Varad in the Bardoli Taluka of the Surat District, the Government of Bombay has imposed a collective fine of Rs. 4,000.

All Muslims, Christians, Scheduled and Backward Classes and Government servants have been excluded.

The Standing Finance Committee for Railways will meet on January 29, to review the next year's Railway Budget estimates.—United Press.

NO XMAS 'OFF' FOR CHURCHILL

LONDON, Dec. 23.

It is understood that Mr. Churchill is not taking any days off during Christmas. He will be at his post throughout in constant contact with his cabinet colleagues, service chiefs and others.—Reuter.

BRITISH CAPITAL IN INDIA

(From Our Correspondent),
LONDON, Dec. 22.

After pointing out that India's sterling holdings now amount to no less than 340 million sterling which is an increase of 143 million sterling on that a year ago, notwithstanding repayment of some 70 million sterling debt the city editor of the "News Chronicle" says: "With final extinction of the Indian Government's sterling debt now impending the financial relations between Britain and India will be entering on a new phase, which will present a difficult and complex problem, viz., the question whether any steps should be taken towards mobilising the 300 million sterling of the British Commercial Investments in India.

He adds that a similar situation arose a year ago in respect of Canada which cut the Gordian knot with a signal of generosity by pressing over the mother country a free gift of billion dollars designed to cover her 1942/43 war deliveries though they are not quite sufficient for that purpose.

Mafatlal Hospital At Navsari

BARODA, Dec. 23.

The Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda has accepted a donation of Rs. 2,25000 offered by Sheth Mafatlal Gagalbhai for a building for a general hospital at Navsari. The building will be named after the donor. Orders have been issued to acquire land for the purpose.—United Press.

Sudden Fire Breaks-out At Surat

SURAT, Dec. 23

A fire broke out at noon to-day in a busy locality in the city. Two buildings were gutted and a large quantity of tobacco leaves stored inside were destroyed. The cause of the fire is not known.—A. P.

KING'S CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23.

His Majesty the King Emperor's Christmas Day broadcast will be relayed by all stations of All-India Radio on Friday, December 25 at 8-30 p.m. (I.S.T.).—A. P.

On Pacific Front

Allied Advance Continues

Enemy Aircraft Raid Port Moresby: Patrol Clashes Near Amboga River

SYDNEY, Dec. 23

New Japanese defence construction off Timor Island was the target of Australian beaufighters attacking Vila De Aviz during the raid mentioned in General MacArthur's communique to-day.

Reuter's special correspondent at an advanced base in New Guinea writes:—If Buna falls soon, it will be due mainly to the successful surprise use of tanks closely supported by Australian infantry whose gallantry has prompted admiring Americans to name them "fighting fools". The recent advance to the tip of Cape Endaiadere and westward to Buna Mission, one Australian unit overwhelmed at least a hundred strongly fortified Japanese pillboxes, inflicting very heavy casualties on the enemy. Even two days after the Australian attack, the Japanese were still being routed from their foxholes and treetops. Some were found lying hidden under palm leaves still offering resistance.

ENEMY CARGO VESSEL DESTROYED

The text of this morning's Pacific communique reads: "Buna. The advance of our troops continues in the face of desperate enemy resistance. Heavy bombers destroyed a medium sized enemy cargo vessel off Arawe bound for the north coast of New Guinea. Enemy aircraft raided Port Moresby and enemy installations at Timor."

MOPPING UP ENEMY

Mopping up operations are still in progress at the Allied held Cape Endaiadere. Gains upward of half a mile have been made against Japanese position on the Sananda-Soputa track by a joint United States and Australian force.

The Allies are now within two miles of the core of Japanese resistance at Sananda Point. For the first time, United States troops are mentioned as being in action west of Gona, where with Australians they have been involved in sharp patrol clashes near the Amboga river.

Havoc aircraft are conducting harassing sweeps over the Ambona river mouth. They are setting fire to huts and supply dumps with 500 and 250 pound demolition bombs.

These bombing missions are aimed at "softening up" the Japanese positions. Port Moresby had its 96th raid when a single Japanese raider dropped incendiary and high explosive bombs which caused neither damage nor casualties.—Reuter.

C. P. EDITORS WELCOME BOMBAY'S LEAD

NAGPUR, December 23.

At a meeting of the newspaper editors of the Central Provinces and Berar held here this evening under the presidency of Mr. V. S. Venkatraman, editor of the "New India", the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

This meeting of the Newspaper Editors of the Central Provinces and Berar hereby records its appreciation of the resolution passed by the Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference in the matter of vindication of the rights of the Press.—United Press.

Rommel On Horns Of A Dilemma

Threat Of Allied Pincer: Two Axis Supply Ships Sunk

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, December 23.

ACCORDING TO RELIABLE UNOFFICIAL REPORTS, TORRENTIAL RAINS DESCRIBED AS "HARDEST YET" HAVE BOGGED DOWN THE ALLIED AIR FORCES' TRANSPORT LINE AT TUNIS WHERE THE NORTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGN SEEMS TO BE SHAPING FOR THE FINAL PHASE.

THE NEW SPELL OF RAIN DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS HAS WIPED OUT THE GAINS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS.

At the other end, Gen. Montgomery has maintained a steady advance, but has to cover 500 miles to reach Tunis.

Indications are that the Allied air forces have ample material at their disposal to establish their superiority.

In Southern Tunisia, the Germans have got to keep watch against the possible Allied drive to block Rommel's route to Tunis.

Looking to the situation in which Rommel is placed, the Axis may be forced to play for time.

Rommel's Choice

There is no evidence that Rommel is slowing down his retreat or showing a tendency to make a stand east of Tripoli, writes Reuter's Military correspondent. He is on the horns of a dilemma—if he halts and fights he will have fewer troops to help General Nehring in the defence of the Tunisian bridgehead. It is probable there will be some rear-guard activity at suitable spots if only to delay the Eighth Army's forward thrust.

British advanced patrols seem to be in the vicinity of Sirte which is about 250 miles from Tripoli.

An equal distance separates Tripoli from the Sfax-Gabes region where it is probable that Allied troops in Tunisia will soon make their presence felt.

Two Axis Supply Vessels Sunk

LONDON.—An admiralty communique states "H. M. submarines and light naval forces have struck further blows at enemy shipping which attempted to supply, provision and reinforce their armies in Northern Africa. In the Tunis-Bizerta area, one submarine attacked and torpedoed two South bound supply vessels. One ship was seen to sink and it is considered probable that the second ship also sank.

Off Cagliari, Sardinia, another submarine sighted and attacked an escorting convoy. Two torpedo hits were scored on one escorting destroyer. Two supply ships were also hit with two torpedos each. It was not possible to observe the final result of these attacks. While patrolling close to the enemy-occupied zone of Tunisia, light naval forces with air co-operation intercepted a small enemy supply vessel. The ship was proceeding towards Tripolitania but in ensuing action, she ran into the Gulf of Gabes where she was sunk off cape Tourgueness."

ALLIED BOMBERS OVER TUNIS

CAIRO:—To-day's Middle-East joint war 'communique' states: An enemy merchant vessel and a smaller escort ship received direct hit when attacked by naval air craft off the west coast of Sicily on the night of 21/22 December. No trace of the smaller vessel could be found after the attack and the merchant ship was set on fire. During the same night our Allied bombers scored at least two hits on vessels in the main basin at Tunis. Vivid explosions occurred and ships appeared to break up.

Other hits caused oil fires in targets at La Goulettz. The enemy raided Benghazi on the night of 21/22 December and three bombers were shot down by our night fighters, while one was destroyed by ground fire. None of our aircraft is missing from the above operations".

LONDON:—It is officially announced that large reinforcements of war material have been landed at Malta after a series of naval operations.

TWO ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN

CAIRO:— R.A.F. night fighters accounted for two Junker 88's and one Heinkel 111 out of a dozen enemy bombers which attacked Benghazi on Monday night. A fourth was brought down by the ground defences.

NEW YORK: American newspapers this morning predict that General Anderson's army is about to leap across Medjez el Bab "No-Man's-Land."

The "New York Times" had the heading "Allies poised for Tunis drive." Other newspapers make similar comments.

Radio commentators last night suggested that an 'all-out' Allied assault in Tunis was likely, while several were impressed by "the daring" exploits of British commando troops who thrust forward within four miles of Bizerta.

MONTGOMERY'S MESSAGE TO EIGHTH ARMY

CAIRO: General Montgomery in a Christmas message to all ranks of the Eighth Army says "the Eighth Army has turned out the enemy from the famous Aghella position and is now advancing into Tripolitania. It is wonderful what has been achieved since October 23 when we started the battle for Egypt. Before the battle began, I sent you a message in which I said let us pray that 'the Lord Mighty in battle' will give us victory. I know you will agree with me when I say we must not forget to thank Him for His mercy. I want to send you all my very best wishes and my hope that 1943 will be a very happy year for each one of you."

Jinnah For Bombay

DELHI, Dec. 23

Mr. Jinnah is expected to leave for Bombay during this week-end.—Orient Press.

FAMINE IN BIJAPUR DECLARED

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

A state of famine has been declared in 60 villages in Bagewadi Taluka, nine in Hungund Taluka and 160 in Bagalkot Taluka and in Bilgi Petha of the Bijapur district.—United Press.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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MARCH

New York. Dec. 23.	
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To-day's opening	19.08
Difference	+02
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Difference	—18

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New York, Dec. 23.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	not received

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London, Dec. 23.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

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London, Dec. 23.

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London, Dec. 23.

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London, Dec. 23.

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London, Dec. 23.

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London, Dec. 23.

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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 23.

The London Stock Exchange was quietly firm to-day.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Dec. 23.

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	Hrs.
For despatch by Frontier Mail	15.00
For despatch by Kathiawar Mail, Gujerat Mail and Ahmedabad Passenger ...	15.30

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SHRI MAHAJAN ASSOCIATION. LIMITED.

NOTICE

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all the members of the Association that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of this Association will be held in the HALL OF SHRI MAHAJAN ASSOCIATION, LTD., on FRIDAY, the 15th January, 1943, Posh Shudi 10th of Samvat year 1999, at 10-30 a.m (B.T.) to consider and pass the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

1. This Extraordinary General Meeting hereby resolves that whenever it is desired to pay honorarium, remuneration, purse or other reward to a Director of Shri Mahajan Association, Limited, such payment shall require the previous consent of the General Meeting of this Association.

By Order of the Board.
SHIVLAL NARPATLAL MANIAR.
Hon. Secretary.

Patwa Chawl, Moti Bazar,
Sheikh Memon Street,
Bombay, 22nd December, 1942.
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Public Notices

THE ASSOCIATED CEMENT COMPANIES, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

The SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the ASSOCIATED CEMENT COMPANIES, LIMITED, will be held at SHREE SUNDER-BAI HALL, near Government of India Offices, Queens Road, Fort, Bombay, on MONDAY, the 25th January, 1943, at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.), to transact the following business —

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st July, 1942.
2. To sanction the declaration of a Dividend for the abovementioned period.
3. To elect Directors in place of those who retire but are eligible for re-election
4. To appoint Auditors for the current year and fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Board,
For The Associated Cement Cos., Ltd.,
CEMENT AGENCIES, LTD.,
Managing Agents,
J. H. PATEL,
Managing Director.

Bombay, 4th December, 1942.

NOTE:—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 21st November, to SATURDAY, the 12th December, 1942, both days inclusive.

The Dividend when sanctioned, will be made payable on and after WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, 1943, to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register on Saturday, the 12th December, 1942 (2820)

NOTICE AS TO LOST POLICY.

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K. M. NAIK,
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7, Council House St., Calcutta. (2818)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership Business which was carried on by me with VIRJI DAYA, DOONGERSEE DAYA, BHANJI DOONGERSEE, LAKAMSI VIRJI and NANJI VIRJI under the name style and firm of HASHAM PREMJI (RICE DEPARTMENT) in India, Burma and Ceylon has been DISCONTINUED and the firm is DISSOLVED as from Pos Vad Amas S. Y. 1998.

MOHAMED HUSEIN HASHAM PREMJI. (482)

NOTICE.

WANTED a SUPERINTENDENT in the grade of Rs. 200-10-250 for the Power Weaving Instructional Institute to be organised at Sholapur. Candidates must have a diploma in the Technology of Textile Manufacture from the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Bombay, or its equivalent, and should have specialised in weaving in mills. Some teaching experience in a Textile Institue of the Diploma Standard will be additional qualification. For other particulars and forms of application which should reach him not later than 2nd January, 1943, apply to Director of Industries, Old Custom House Yard, Fort, Bombay. 2835

THE BOMBAY YARN EXCHANGE, LTD.,

NOTICE

THE BOARD NOTIFIES that the 26th December and the 31st December, 1942, shall be working days under Byelaw No. 44 and that the 26th December, 1942 shall be the last day for sending applications to the Exchange for obtaining certificates for goods to be tendered on the Exchange under Byelaw No. 62, for December, 1942 Delivery.

By Order of the Board,
H. M. TALATI,
Secretary.

23rd December, 1942,
Hanuman Building,
Tambakanta ,Bombay 3. 2334

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED up to 20-1-1943 from Kannada, knowing Agricultural graduates—preferably trained and holding honours degree in Agriculture for the post of an agricultural teacher in the Government Agricultural High School, Bijapur in the scale of Rs. 45-5-115-E B.-5-145-E B.-6-175. Applicants must be natives of, or domiciled in, the Province of Bombay. Further details may be had on application with stamped (Rs. 0-2-0) foolscap envelope addressed to the Educational Inspector, S. D., Dharwar.

V. V. KAMAT,
Educational Inspector,
S. D. Dharwar. 3791.

Public Notices

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

An Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Corporation will be held in the Municipal Office on Monday, the 4th January ,1943, at 2 p. m. (Bombay Time), for the consideration of the following business:—

1. Interpellations
2. Application for gratuity from an ex-Municipal employee.

3-5. Letters from the authorities of the (3) Prince of Wales Museum of Western India (4) Professor Date's Charitable Dumb and Deaf Institute; and (5 Bai Yamunabai L. Nair Charitable Hospital.—Forwarding copies of the Annual Reports, etc., of their respective institutions

6 Letter from Mr. F. M. Baig and others—Regarding the opening of English Classes in a certain Urdu School.

7. Letter from Messrs. Little and Co., Solicitors—Regarding application of their client, Mr. V. S. Bhandari, for a rent farming contract in respect of a Municipal property

8. Letter from Mr. Shahbuddin Sk. Ibrahim and others—Regarding a suggestion for opening an Urdu Upper Primary School for girls at New Nagpada and for reducing the scale of fees in the Central School for boys thereat.

9 Budget Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year 1943-44 framed by the Standing Committee under Section 126 of the Municipal Act.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE—

10 Regarding the creation of certain temporary posts.

11 Recommending an advance for payment of overtime allowance to certain employees of the Water Works Department who were required to attend the telephone beyond office hours, etc.

12. Recommending an additional grant to meet the excess expenditure on account of the appointment of temporary staff in the Water Works Department.

13. Regarding the enforcement or otherwise of sanctions obtained for the removal of unauthorized works.

14. Recommending an additional grant to meet the cost of the purchase of water marked and hand made papers for printing debentures, etc.

15. Regarding the creation of a post of a Foreman in charge of motor repairs section in the Mechanical Engineer's Department.

16. Regarding an audit objection relating to the purchase of anti-corrosive paints, etc., for the Hydraulic Engineer's Department.

17. Regarding the grant of special disability leave to a teacher in a Municipal School.

18. Recommending additional grants to meet the cost of purchasing certain apparatus required for the K. E. M. Hospital.

19 Recommending additional grants to adjust the charges incurred in respect of Court costs for ejectment of tenants, claim suits etc.

20. Recommending an advance to meet the cost of the temporary appointment of a Head Clerk for the work relating to A. R. P. Measures at Municipal buildings.

21. Regarding the extension of the Hindu Cemetery at Worli.

22. Regarding the construction of a urinal near the playground on Lakhamsey Napoo Road.

23. Regarding the acquisition of a plot at Sewri for a cemetery for the Dawoodi Bohra community.

24. Regarding the creation of a post of Assistant Store-keeper.

25. Recommending sanction to certain Budget transfers.

26. Recommending an advance to meet the cost of purchasing certain A. R. P. equipment for the K. E. M. Hospital and the Seth G. S. M. College.

27 Regarding additional grant for payment of Grain Compensation Allowance at the increased rate to the employees of the Schools Committee.

28. Regarding the question of fixing the minimum living wage of Rs. 35 per month for Municipal employees.

29. Regarding a contract for the supply and erection of the equipment for the conversion of certain Municipal motor lorries from petrol drive to sludge gas drive.

30. Regarding appropriation of funds for providing vent shafts over sewers in Scheme 29, Nowroji Hill Estate.

31. Regarding the incorporation in the Municipal Service Regulations of a Rule regulating payment of transport charges to certain Municipal employees.

32. Regarding the construction of a road in scheme 6 at Sion-Matunga Estate and re-appropriation of funds to meet the cost thereof.

33 Regarding a proposal to entrust an Assistant Engineer in the Municipal Workshops with certain additional work and to grant him a special pay therefor.

34. For fixing the amount of security to be demanded from the teacher in charge of the Schools Committee's Printing Press.

35. Resolution of the Improvements Committee—Regarding revised estimate for the construction of a staircase at the Mahaluxmi Overbridge.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES—

36. Regarding the question of disallowing stall-board projections along the southern footpath of Grant Road.

37 Regarding plans and estimates for providing storm-water drains in certain roads in the City

38 Regarding plans and estimates for providing sewers, etc., in a portion of Scheme No. 57, Sewri-Wadala Estate.

39 Regarding modification of one of the conditions of administering the Seth G. S. M. College and K. E. M. Hospital Staff Fund.

40 Regarding the question of transferring the control of the Gilder Tank playground to the Schools Committee.

41. Regarding the fixing of the licence fee for removing animal guts from the Beef and Mutton Sections of the Bandra Slaughter Houses.

42 Regarding a claim of Messrs. Amreliwalla Pumps Supply Co. for damages in respect of the contract for sinking tube wells, etc.

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE'S LETTERS—

43. Regarding the question of fixing a ratio for supervising staff.

44. Forwarding a quarterly list of the unanswered references from the Corporation.

Communications from the Commissioner—

45. Forwarding the Executive Health Officer's Report for the third quarter of 1942.

46. Regarding encroachments on the open spaces of certain plots in Princess Street Estate,

47. Forwarding the Monthly Analytical and Bacteriological Reports on the Bombay Water Supplies.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY—

48. Submitting a statement of references pending before the Committees of the Corporation.

49. Submitting a list of Resolutions calling for reports from the Commissioner which have not been received.

50. Regarding Interpellations remaining unreplied to by the Commissioner.

51. Confirmation of the Special Committees' Proceedings.

52. Schools Committee's letters —Forwarding printed copies of the Committee's Proceedings.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS—

53. From Mr. B. G. Parelkar, seconded by Mr. D. V. Pradhan—For taking steps to eliminate gambling at the Amusement Parks and Carnivals in the City.

54. From Mr. B. G. Parelkar—For expressing the Corporation's regret at the death of Rao Bahadur D. G. Padhye.

55. From Dr. Poonsey H. Meisheri—For expressing the Corporation's regret at the death of Mr. W. T. Halai.

56. From Mr. Jamnadas M Mehta—For appointing a Special Municipal Accounts Committee for considering questions pertaining to Municipal accounts, etc.

B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary.

Municipal Corporation Office, Bombay, 23rd December, 1942.

*The day, time and place of this Meeting have been fixed by the Municipal Commissioner in exercise of the power vested in him under Section 60A of the Municipal Act, as amended by Bombay Act XV of 1942. 2828

G. I. P. RLY.—NOTICE.

RESERVATION OF BERTHS

The following extracts from the rules in force on this Railway in connection with reservation of berths in trains are published for the information of the travelling public:—

Passengers wishing to reserve berths or seats must purchase train tickets and produce them at the time they apply for reservation. Provisional applications and requests on telephone to arrange reservation will be recorded if accommodation is available. Such provisional reservation will lapse unless it is confirmed by the passenger purchasing the requisite rail journey ticket presenting it in the Reservation Office for registering it:—

(a) within 24 hours of the advance request for accommodation in the case of a journey of more than 150 miles
(b) not less than 12 hours before the advertised departure time of the train by which reservation has been requested in the case of a journey not exceeding 150 miles.

The Railway Administration does not guarantee that a reserved berth or seat will be provided but endeavours will be made to supply the required accommodation, if such is available.

Requests for reservation of accommodation will be received only upto two hours before the departure of the train at stations from which the train originates, while at Byculla and Dadar it ceases at 20 hours on the day previous to the departure of the train from Bombay. (2833)

Public Notices

NOTICE AS TO LOST POLICY

POLICY No. 155653 in National Insurance Co., Ltd., on the life of Vithalbhai Vallabhbhai Modi having been LOST, notice is hereby given that failing any objection to reach the Company within one month from any interested party with production of the policy the Company will proceed in pending matters concerning the policy.

7, Council House St., Calcutta.
K. M. NAIK,
Manager,
National Insurance Co., Ltd.
2819

NOTICE

IT IS NOTIFIED HEREBY that PARIKH RASIKLAL VADILAL has now no connection with our business. No body should, therefore, deal with him in our name. Inspite of this notice, if any one does so, he will do the same at his risk.

NANDARAM JHABARMAL,
Proprietor, Shree Ram Stores,
27, Swedeshi Market, Sham Galli. 486

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TARMAHOMED HAJI ESMAIL, UMAR HAJI ESMAIL and SULEMAN HAJI ESMAIL Trustees of the Deed of Settlement dated 24th January, 1927, of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

Notice is also given that the original Lease, dated 10th January, 1919, from Keshavlal Sakhidas Sanghani to Adamally Alibhai Suratwala relating to the undermentioned property is lost and misplaced and is not found and traced.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property or the said Original Lease by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Hamam House, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of leasehold land or ground with the messuage, tenements or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at the Corner of Khetwady Main Road and Khetwady 2nd Lane in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 127 square yards or thereabouts registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 5395 and Cadastral Survey No. 701 of Girgaum Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "D" Ward No. 1736 and Street Nos. 106-108-110-112-114 and 116 and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by Khetwady 2nd Lane, on or towards the West by the property of Motilal I. Gandhi, on or towards the North by Hormazd Bag on or towards the South by the Khetwady Main Road.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1942.

AMIN DESAI & NANAVATI,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 2813

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dr. NADIRSHAW HORMUSJI COOPER, of Bombay Parsi Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office in Hamam House, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of leasehold land or ground with the messuage, tenements or dwelling house, standing thereon known as "Queens Court", situate, lying Plot No. 107 in Block II of the Back Bay Reclamation Estate of the Government of Bombay within the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement one thousand two hundred and five square yards or thereabouts and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the North by Plot No. 106 of the said Estate, on or towards the South by Plot No. 108 of the said Estate, on or towards the East by Queen's Road and on or towards the West partly by Plot No. 112 and partly by Plot No. 111 of the said Estate and which said piece of land is registered in the books of the Collector of Bombay under Rent Roll No. 10009 and bears Cadastral Survey No. 1541 of the Fort Division and bearing Municipal A Ward Nos. 1315(14) and 1315(14A) and Street Nos. 136, 136A, 136B of Queen's Road Band Stand.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1942.

AMIN DESAI & NANAVATI,
Purchasers' Attorneys. (2825)

Public Notices

NOTICE

HOLDERS OF import licences covering shipments in the period July-December, 1942, from the United Kingdom, Canada, Newfoundland, Australia and the United States of America are informed that, where shipment is not made against the licences within that period the licences will stand automatically revalidated to cover shipments made in the period January-June 1943. It is unnecessary to return the licences to the issuing authorities for formal revalidation. It is also unnecessary to apply for fresh import assistance recommendations for the goods covered by the licences. The authorities concerned in the United Kingdom, North America and Australia are being informed of the above decision, and will afford such assistance in the matter of manufacture, export and shipping space as may be possible, in the period January-June, 1943 on the basis of the advices sent to them at the time of issue of each licence. The above applies to all import licences whether issued under Notification No. 25 ITC/40, Notification No. 56-ITC/41, Notification No. 22-ITC/42 or the Machine Tool Control Order, Y. R. Parpia, Import Trade Controller, New Custom House Bombay 21st December, 1942. 2824

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RUSTOM DARASHA GHANDHY, of Bombay Parsee Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise, howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Alli Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece of land, containing an area of One Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety (1290) square yards or thereabouts situate on and being Plot No. 804B of the Dadar Matunga Estate of the Corporation in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay bounded on the North-East partly by Plot No 803A of the said Estate agreed to be leased to S. G. Khambatta and another and partly by Plot No. 803D of the said Estate agreed to be leased to Dr. (Miss) D. N. Khareghat, on the South-East and South-West by Plot No. 804C of the said Estate agreed to be leased to Mrs. R. E. Patell and on the North-West by Kingsway which piece of land bears New Survey No. 1164 (part) and Cadastral Survey No. 513B|10 Matunga Division Together with the buildings thereon assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under F Ward No 7194 (9), Street No. 761 G, New Street No. 115, Kingsway.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1942.

THAKORDAS DARU
HEMANY & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JAMNADAS VANMALIDAS of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Tamarind House, 36, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Quit and Ground Rent land or ground with the messuage, tenement or building standing thereon situate, lying and being on the Western side of Medows Street in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the town and Island of Bombay, containing according to the last Conveyance 251 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 77, New No. 4914 Old Survey No. 1376, New Survey No. 9464, Cadastral Survey No. 89 of Fort Division and assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under A Ward No. 1132 and Street Nos. 72-74 and bounded at the time of the last Conveyance as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by the said Medows Street, on or towards the West by a Gully and beyond that by the property of M. H. Dehdusthi and partly by the property of Bibi Khadijan Sultan on or towards the North by the property of G. D. Tyeb Husein and others and on or towards the South by the property of Esmail Dada Dewraj and which said premises are now occupied by the tenants of the Vendor

Dated this 24th day of December, 1942

PATHARE & LILADHAR.
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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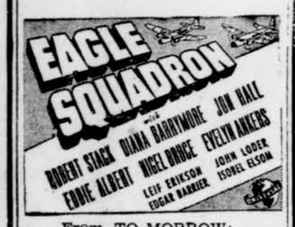
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Bombay Hockey League

All the three games played last evening in the Bombay Hockey League proved to be comparatively tame affairs. In division one, St. Xavier's College 'A' got the better of the Customs by the only goal of the match scored two minutes before time, while the G. I. P. Railway Workshops 'B' beat Law College by four love in an earlier engagement.

The third game of the day played on the Parsi Cyclists ground brought no result. Allcock Ashdown's and the I. C. I. retiring after a goalless draw.

TO-DAY'S GAMES POSTPONED

The games scheduled for play to-day have been postponed.

RAMANA JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS: Under the auspices of the Ramana Satchidananda Samaj, Matunga, there will be a religious discourse on "Shree Bhagavan Ramana and his teachings" by Sjt. V. Subbarayor in Tamil, to-day at 10-30 p.m.

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Hightide: 1-14, 12-52. Lowtide: 7-14, 18-48.

To-day's Engagements

SERVANTS OF HUMANITY CENTRE: Hon. Lecturer St. John Ambulance Association Mr. Burjor J. Shroff will speak on "Fractures of Upper Extremity: and Preventive Measures and Treatment of Shock" at the Hindustan Vanaspati Mfg. Co. Ltd., Sewri, 4-15 p.m. to factory staff.

FRIENDS OF THE SOVIET UNION: Prof. V. V. Joshi of the Ismail College on "Russian Strategy with particular reference to Stalingrad", 6-30 p.m., office of the F. S. U., Stone Building, Charni Road, Girgaum.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS, MATUNGA: Public study class on "The Law of Karma", 8-15 p.m., at Putla House, Bhau Daji Road, Matunga.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATIONS: Telegrams for northern India, Rajkot, Karachi and their adjacent areas are subject to serious delay on account of heavy congestion due to line disturbances.

Owing to Christmas rush and the disturbances telegrams to Allahabad, Cawnpore, Jubbulpore, Lucknow, Calicut, Secunderabad, Calcutta, Nagpur, Amraoti, Bangalore, Madras and their adjacent areas are subject to serious delay.

The Chief Superintendent, Central Telegraph Office, Calcutta, intimates that telegraph communication with Bombay, Madras, Agra, Lahore, New Delhi and their adjacent areas still continues to be interrupted or heavily disturbed. Telegrams are therefore subject to serious delay.

"RUPAM" EDITOR: Mr. O. C. Gangoly of Calcutta, editor of "Rupam", will be on a short visit to Bombay from the 23rd December staying with Mr. N. H. Pandia, Solicitor at Harvey Road.

MAHAJAN ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Mahajan Association was held to-day under the presidentship of Mr. Ishardas. Fresh election of the members of the Board took place.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

THURSDAY, Dec. 24.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Delhi radio orchestra. 5-5 Narain Rao Vyas: 5-25 Ramanand Sharma. 5-35 Rashid Ahmad. 5-45 Tajammul Husain Khan. 6 Afzai Husain. 6-5 Farhat Jahan Bibbo. 6-45 Ramanand Sharma. 6-55 Rashid Ahmad. 7 Hindustan ki Sairbin. 7-15 Farhat Jahan Bibbo. 7-30 Rashid Ahmad. 7-40 Sitar recital: 7-45 For villagers only. 8-30 The Axis speaks. 8-45 Delhi radio orchestra 8-55 Jawabi Hamla. 9-30 B B C news. 9-45 Geets 10 Tajammul Husain: 10-10 Narain Rao Vyas: 10-30 Farhat Jahan Bibbo. 10-45 Mile. Jule Gane.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s.)

8 a.m. Nagaswaram. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-30 Mirabai Badkar. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Dhun on Cello: 9-15 Akhtar Jahan. 9-30 Sindhi songs. 9-40 Shankerrao Joshi. 12-30 p.m. Gujarati duets and geets. 12-45 News in Marathi. 12-50 News in Gujarati. 12-55 News in Hindustani. 1 Melodies. 1-30 News in English. 1-40 Lunch-hour music. 5 To-morrow 5-5 Y. V. Sakhdeo. 5-20 Akhtar Jahan. 5-35 Madhusudan G. Acharya 5-55 Local news and announcements. 6 N. G. Gokhale. 6-15 V. S. Gangolli. 6-30 News in English. 6-40 News in Hindustani. 6-45 News commentary (Marathi). 6-50 Madhusuddan G. Acharya. 7 Light and bright. 7-15 N. G. Gokhale. 7-30 Y. V. Sakhdeo. 7-45 News in Marathi. 7-55 News in Gujarati. 8-5 Akhtar Jahan. 8-15 Mixed melodies. 8-30 Axis speaks 8-45 Dot and dash. 9 News in Hindustani 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 Recorded introduction. 9-50 Bombay Male Quartet. 10-10 Interlude. 10-15 Salvation Army: 10-30 Hilda Flanders. 10-45 Irmler Madrigal Choir.

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ROMMEL'S OBJECTIVE

It is unfortunate that Field Marshal Rommel and his Afrika Korps have definitely escaped the danger of destruction at the hands of the British Eighth Army. Rommel's retreating forces are moving in a 150 mile long column and their vanguards have passed Misurata on the way to Tripoli which is only another 150 miles to the east. British advance units are undoubtedly maintaining contact with Rommel's rearguards at Buerat. But the main forces are now some three hundred miles apart and General Montgomery's communications are already too much stretched to render possible any considerable outflanking race. It is, however, gratifying to note that the Allied air force is continuing to vindicate itself. Thanks to a remarkable feat of organisation in occupying and using advance bases, the air force is keeping Rommel's forces within its destructive range. And it is still quite likely that by the time the Afrika Korps reaches Tripoli and the Tunisian border it will have lost a very considerable part of what equipment still remains to it.

But the fact does remain that Rommel has escaped. And it is probable that he has got some reserves of supplies and armour in Tripoli. With their help he may elect to make a stand around Tripoli. But it is doubtful whether he would even then be strong enough to resist the Eighth Army. The probability is that he would avoid the risk of a disastrous defeat and try, while it is still possible, to join up with General Nehring in Tunisia. From this point of view more importance attaches to activities in the French held southern sector of Tunisia than to the uneasy lull in the central and northern sectors. General Nehring will naturally want to keep the line of Rommel's retreat clear. General Giraud's troops, on the other hand, are trying to out this line. The question is: Is Giraud strong enough to succeed?

Third Degree Methods

Torture of under-trial prisoners by the police in criminal cases is not, unfortunately, an unfamiliar feature of the administration of the Police Department in this country. Though cases of such torture come to light occasionally and those members of the police rank and file who resort to such reprehensible methods to secure confessions are visited with punishment by the Courts of Law, it not infrequently happens that the punishment accorded is totally inadequate to vindicate justice and fails to prove a deterrent to others inclined to such short cuts to conviction. A case in point recently came before the Punjab High Court which felt obliged to pull up the District Magistrate of Amritsar, who, taking a too lenient view of the offence of the police officers and constables who had inhumanly tortured an innocent person, had awarded inadequate sentences to them. This Magistrate had sought to justify his leniency on the extraordinary grounds that "the subordinate officials are exposed to great temptation to resort to third degree methods; that the system of administration and the rules of procedure in this country are complicated and unsuited to a comparatively primitive community, a state of things for which Government and society at large are to blame; that the practice of torturing is common because of the peculiar circumstances; because the careers of the police officials convicted would be ruined, therefore, light sentences are imposed." He had sentenced one officer, an Assistant Sub-Inspector, to imprisonment of only six months and four constables to mere fines ranging from Rs. 10 to Rs. 60. Fortunately these scandalous sentences came up for review by the High Court and Mr. Justice Ram Lal, in enhancing the sentences, gave a bit of his mind to the Magistrate regarding the latter's strange opinions about Government and society in this country. His Lordship justly remarked: "I cannot understand in what sense Indian society is so primitive (as the Lower Court contends) that this simple rule cannot be safely applied to it.....I should be inclined to doubt that higher police officials would condone such conduct and the sooner the subordinate police officials understand that promotion cannot be gained by the practice of torturing, the better it would be both for the members of the force, the public at large and for the stability of civilised government." That a person holding such queer views about Indian society, the existing Government—of which, by the way, he himself is a member!—and the law, should be occupying the position of the chief executive of the district, is the strangest part of the affair. It is not known whether this official is an Indian or non-Indian, but, whoever he is, he certainly has yet to learn many things, especially in the field of the law of the land, to entitle him to be at the helm of the administration in his district.

Village Defence Squads

After three and a half years of war, one Provincial Government at least, that of C. P., has at last woke up to the necessity of organising defence squads in villages—not, indeed, on any province-wide basis, but only in a few "suitable" villages, selected for the purpose. These villagers, it is stated, will be equipped with lathis, swords and other sharp-edged weapons for possession of which they will be exempted from licences required under the Arms Act. The size of the squads will be left to local decision, as also the selection of its leader or captain. The members of these squads will be trained in marching drills, use of lathi and spear for both defence and offence, wrestling, physical training, street lining, traffic control, guard and sentry duties, first aid, fire-fighting, management of fairs, elementary police duties, etc. and their duties will ordinarily be "preservation of peace and order, protection of person and property, discountenancing and denying of false rumours and helping morale, aiding and assisting evacuees or refugees and other miscellaneous duties as may be prescribed from time to time." This is all good and as it should be, though the present official move has the appearance of beginning to dig well when one gets thirsty! By the way, why should the knowledge of the use of fire-arms—of at least the rifle and gun—be withheld from the village defence squads, when such a knowledge would be a more potent weapon of defence than the lathi or the spear? In every district there are bound to be more than one licensed Indian shikaree, whose services as teachers in the use of rifles and guns can certainly be utilised. More arms licences should also be granted in each district. Where there is the will to train the mass of the people for effective defence there will be a way—but is there really such a will?

Rajaji Answers 'C. P.'s' Charge

MADRAS, Dec. 23.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar in a statement says:—

Sir C. P.'s rejoinder does not touch the real point. The question is whether the people of any particular part of India should have the right to decide whether they will join or not join an Indian federation. What is claimed by me is that, having regard to the present political issues and the claims raised by the Muslim League, the people of a particular tract should have such a right. Are these people to be placed in a worse position than the ruling Princes of States who claim the right to decide for themselves to accede or not to accede?

IF PRINCES RENOUNCE IT

Sir C. P. does not say that the Princes have not the right of option. Apart from other things, we should have gained a great deal if the Princes should renounce the right. Far from doing this, Sir C. P. claims that they have the right to decide on the merits of a particular scheme of federation and to refuse to accede, if they are not satisfied with it, which means that they claim the right to examine every alternative scheme suggested. In principle, there is no distinction between this claim and the concession that I advocate for the purpose of settlement with the Muslim League.

NOT RELEVANT

Sir C. P.'s reference to the recent tendencies in Australia (the South African constitution is unitary and has no bearing on the case) of the Federal Government's powers being enlarged at the expense of the States is not relevant to the issue under argument. It has some bearing on the relative distribution of power between the Federal Government and the federating units. It has no relevancy to the question of the right of non-accession such as the Indian princes claim even when they refuse to join on the ground that a particular scheme of federation is not to their satisfaction.—A. P.

Frankly Speaking

Their Desperate Stand

It is now almost a fortnight since General MacArthur's air force effectively smashed the last Japanese attempt to land reinforcements in Papua and since his troops captured the Buna village cutting the Japs off and forcing them into two pockets of resistance. Sanananda and the Buna Mission. But the Japs are still holding out in both. A few days ago General MacArthur launched a general attack led by tanks and artillery against the main Jap position, the Buna Mission. The attack is making progress, but slowly. And one cannot help remarking on the toughness which the Japs are displaying in their desperation. They are being mercilessly hammered from the air and from three sides on land, yet they have so far refused to collapse. They cannot hold out long. But the Buna Mission and Samnananda do not appear likely to fall without another terrible "carnage."

"In The Spring"!

Major General Henry Miller, General Commanding the United States Army Eighth Air Force Service Command, that is, the supply and maintenance chief of the U. S. Air Force in Britain, foreshadows "an all out air offensive against the Axis" and the arrangements for servicing it, he further claims, will be ready "within a very brief period." "The material and supplies necessary for an air offensive are", the General explains, "arriving from the United States in a steady flow and they will be adequate for and we shall be ready for, a big push when it arrives." But when will it arrive? Lest the world might become over-enthusiastic in anticipation, the General thoughtfully tells it that the grand arrival will take place in the spring, about six months from now!

Slackened Progress

While Calcutta has proved that it can take it, the Japs, too, seem determined to give it, as their continued nightly visitations to Bengal's capital indicate. Whether these raids are meant merely as a reply to the British advance in Arakan or they denote the opening of their long-threatened offensive upon India, it is yet too early to say. Whatever may be the case, it is now more than ever necessary that General Wavell should set about—without any further delay—redeeming his promise to wrest back Burma from the Japs. It seems, therefore, rather unfortunate that during the last one or two days there has been no news of further British progress towards Akyab. While the capture of that town is not of great strategic importance itself, it will to some extent ease the problem of supply to the Allied army marching into Burma. The occupation of the aerodromes there should moreover immediately help to lessen the bombing raids on Bengal and Assam.

"UNSOUNDNESS OF LOGIC"

'C. P.' On Rajaji's Statement

TRIVANDRUM, Dec. 23.

Interviewed by the Associated Press on Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar's latest statement Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer, Dewan of Travancore, said "I have read Mr. Rajagopalachariar's remarks and shall content myself with answering points made by him with reference to my interview. The Right Hon. Srinivasa Sastri and Mr. T. R. Venkataramasastri are quite able to defend themselves with regard to their statement.

Mr. Rajagopalachariar cannot have forgotten that a large majority of the Princes have always been in favour of federation or other kind of union which would ensure strong and unified central direction in the matter of economic, agricultural and industrial policy, Customs, Tariffs etc. as well as Defence, External Affairs, Emigration and Immigration. Many princes did not approve of and would not join a particular scheme which was recently put forward because of special features relating to that scheme Princes and their advisers, more than many others, are alive to the importance of preserving that unity of Central Government which can well coexist with great liberty of action within their proper sphere in case of units but without which India can never be well-governed.

Unsoundness of logic is really on the part of Mr. Rajagopalachariar, who confused the grant of extensive powers to Provinces and States with negation of residual control at the top by a Government representative of Provinces and States alike. Mr. Rajagopalachariar must have noticed what has been happening within the last few weeks both in South Africa and Australia where proposals have been formulated for strengthening the Central Government. He of all men should not have resorted to the "argumentum ad hominem."—A. P.

Police Open Fire On Ahmedabad Crowds

TWO PERSONS INJURED: THREE ARRESTS MADE: LIFE SENTENCE FOR FIVE NAGPUR VILLAGERS

(Through A. P. & U. P.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 23.

Two persons are reported to have been injured when police opened fire to-day at three places. Four shots were fired.

Stone throwing was indulged in at 11 places and at one place, acid was thrown at the police injuring one police sub-inspector and four police constables.

Three arrests were made.

AHMEDABAD: Two municipal servants were convicted and sentenced to-day under the Essential Services (Maintenance) Ordinance to six months' R. I. and fine of Rs. 250 in default three months' further R. I

TRUTH ABOUT TALATI MURDER

The District Magistrate has issued the following 'communique'.

"The report that has appeared in several papers (not through the Associated Press) that a Talati has been murdered by an attack by a crowd armed with lathis and other weapons has no foundation. A Talati has been recently murdered in Ahmedabad district but the murder is believed to have no political significance. A Singhi Muslim has been arrested in this connection.

ATTEMPT TO SET FIRE TO SCHOOL

AHMEDABAD: An attempt was made to set fire to the Local Board School at Sanand Town. The fire was put out before any material damage was done.

BROACH ARRESTS

(From Our Correspondent)

BROACH, Dec. 22.—Messrs. Dahyabhai Ishwarbhai and Ranchodbhai Lallubhai of Zadeshwar have been arrested under Sec. 29 of the D.I.R. They are detained in the local sub-jail.

Information is received here that telephone wires have been tampered within certain area surrounding Jambusar.

The Deputy Inspector General of Police paid a visit to Broach presumably in connection with the recent raid at Sarbhon in Amod Taluka.

Search At Sangamner

NASIK:—G. D. Teli has been arrested under the D. I. R. He was recently released from the Yeravda Prison after serving a term of imprisonment awarded for a speech delivered during the Gandhi Jayanti Week.

Twelve places were searched by the police, but nothing incriminating was found says a report from Yeola. Three persons were arrested. According to a report received from Sangamner, the police searched the Maratha Boarding House there. Two other places were also searched and at one of them a cyclostyle machine is reported to have been seized. One person was arrested.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR FIVE

NAGPUR, Dec. 23.—Five persons were sentenced to transportation for life and 13 to various terms of R. I. ranging from three years to ten years in case arising of the recent disturbances in Mondia village, Nagpur District. Eight persons were acquitted by the special judge. 27 persons were produced for trial and one was discharged at the time of framing charges.

23 Navy Men Arrested For Alleged Rowdyism

NAGPUR, December 23.

According to the Khandwa correspondent of the "Hitavada", 23 men of the Royal Indian Navy have been arrested following alleged misbehaviour, rowdy conduct and assault on a Sub-Inspector of Police in a running train.

BOMB SHELLS & EXPLOSIVES RECOVERED

JHANSI, Dec. 23: The Superintendent of Police along with a large contingent of police raided the house of a local blacksmith and after a search lasting two hours, recovered some empty bomb shells and explosive material. The blacksmith along with two other persons belonging to an adjoining village were arrested.

EXPLOSION NEAR RLY. STATION

AHMEDABAD Dec. 23: A bomb exploded to night near the Ahmedabad railway station building. No damage was done.

EXPLOSIONS IN KOLHAPUR.

KOLHAPUR, Dec. 23.—There were two bomb explosions here to-day. The first occurred in the morning when one person was severely injured and the tiles on the roof of a house were blown off. The second explosion occurred in a garden in the afternoon when one gardener was wounded and removed to hospital.—A. P.

CHRISTMAS

Nationalist X'ian Party's Appeal

The Executive Committee of the Nationalist Christian Party has issued the following Christmas message:—

After another year of weary and deadly war which has enveloped the whole world in gloom and darkness, we are entering one more X'mas season—the season of merriment and happiness. It is, however, an irony of fate that such an occasion—the birthday of the Prince of Peace—has to be celebrated in the midst of war. Instead of joy to-day many a mother mourns for her son, wife for her husband, sister for her brother and many a refugee and prisoner for his or her lost country, his home and hearth.

A word to our Christian brethren. Though Christmas is a great event in the annals of Christian History, the birth of Christ in a stable symbolises humility and self-sacrifice. When our Motherland and the whole world are passing through a great crisis, it would not be proper on our part to keep up the pomp and splendour of X'mas season. Let us rejoice by all means in the birthday of Christ, but let the standard of simplicity and sobriety be maintained. It would not serve our purpose or that of our religion to indulge in drinks or to go in for gay and immodest dress. Let us remember the poor and needy, who suffer from want of the bare necessities of life and let us also fraternise with our brethren belonging to other communities as children of one God.

On behalf of the Nationalist Christian Party, we extend to all the joy and happiness of X'mas and New Year.

Bombay Muslim League Working Committee

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Working Committee of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League which met at Sahan Castle at 5-30 p.m. today decided to extend invitation to the All-India Muslim League to hold its next session in Bombay during the Easter holidays.

The Committee appointed a Parliamentary Board Sub-Committee with Mr. Haji Nurmohomed Ahmed as convener.

The Working Committee which was presided over by Mr. I. I. Chundrigar adjourned its deliberations at 6-30 p.m. to reassemble at 11 a.m. on Wednesday

NEW DELHI:—A conference of tanning industry is being called by the Supply Department on January 5 next.—United Press.

SUBBAROYAN SUPPORTS C. R.

MADRAS, Dec. 23.

Dr. P. Subbaroyan has issued the following statement to the Press:—

Since the Viceroy's speech to the Federated Chamber of Commerce in Calcutta where he stated that the geographical unity of India is all-important and if India is to pull her whole weight in any international meeting, such unity will tell, many of our public men have been pleased to attack what they call the 'Ulster phase' of Rajaji's proposals and attempts to get a settlement with the League.

I have watched with great sorrow the deterioration in the political situation since the failure of the Cripps Mission. The British Government themselves in their report to settle the Indian deadlock did talk of self-determination for Provincial units, which certainly presumed that there might be not one but many Ulsters in India. Even the Indian States, if they so wished, could stand out from the Union of India which was envisaged in the Cripps proposals. So, in my opinion it is not Rajaji who is responsible for the Ulster phase, as they call it now, but the very proposals of the British Government.

The question now is whether we should have a National Government to harness the strength of our people to resist aggression which is at our door. And the bombing of Calcutta during the last two successive days shows that the enemy's intentions against India still remain and the danger of invasion is ever present. Under the circumstances it is the duty of every patriotic Indian to see that the deadlock is solved and a National Government installed at the Centre which would resist aggression and help the United Nations to bring the war to a victorious conclusion.

It has been conceded on all hands that a National Government is not possible without a Congress-League settlement. It behoves all patriots to line themselves up behind Rajaji to get a Congress-League settlement and get our leaders released so that a National Government may be in power immediately at the centre.—A. P.

Municipal Damage Due To Riots

The Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation on Wednesday accorded sanction of Rs. 50,000 to replace electric and gas lamps damaged during the recent riots in the city. It will be interesting to note that 2,965 gas lamps were damaged which will cost Rs. 27,892, 297 lamps were entirely damaged which will cost Rs. 17,382, 200 electric lamps were damaged which valued about Rs. 17,000.

Nazi Garrisons Surrounded

Over 2,200 Enemy Soldiers Captured In Area Of Middle-Don

MOSCOW, December 23.

Today's Soviet midday communique states: "During the night of December 22, our troops in the area of Stalingrad on the Central Front and in the area of Middle-Don continued offensive engagements in the same directions as before."

NAZI GARRISON SURROUNDED

The supplement to the midday communique said "in the factory area of Stalingrad, our troops continued active operations. North-west of Stalingrad our troops launched attacks against enemy positions and fierce fighting developed South-west of Stalingrad, fierce fighting continued. In the area of the Middle-Don, our troops continued offensive engagements and liberated several more inhabited localities. In the fighting for one of them, 2,200 enemy soldiers were captured together with much important booty including a number of heavy guns.

On the Central Front, west of Rzhev, our units repelled an enemy counter-attack.

In the area of Velikie Luki, our troops continued their mopping up operations of the surrounded German garrisons."

SOVIET TANK COLUMNS ADVANCE

Soviet tank columns having crashed through the German defence zone have now reached open spaces in the Middle-Don area favourable for largescale manoeuvre operations, says Reuter's special correspondent. Several large tank columns to-day continued their advance to the south and south-west hammering new wedges in the German positions

800 NAZIS KILLED

The correspondent adds:

Masses of Soviet infantry have raced into the gaps torn in the German lines by Russian tanks and are mopping up and consolidating newly won territory. The Red Army has created one solid front and is sweeping onward. During the past night, one Soviet tank unit broke into German positions situated in woods and killed 800 of the enemy completely suppressing their defence.

NEW FLAG FOR RED ARMY

A decree of the Supreme Soviet to-day established a new regimental red banner for the Red Army. "For our Soviet Fatherland" is the slogan inscribed on the banner around the Hammer and Sickle 'Insignia.' According to the statute, of the new Red Banner, in case of loss of banner "owing to weakheartedness" of the army unit" the commander and the entire officers staff will be subjected to trial by military tribunal and the whole army unit will be disbanded.—Reuter.

"Jinnah Day" On Dec. 25

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League, the Mussulmans of Bombay will celebrate "Jinnah Day" on December 25 being the Quaid-e-Azam, Mohamed Ali Jinnah's 66th birthday and a public meeting will be held at Kaiser Baugh, Dongri, at 9-30 p.m. (S. T.) Mr. I. I. Chundriger, M.L.A., President of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League, will preside.

It is proposed that on December 25, specially all districts and Primary Muslim Leagues and other Muslim Anjumans and Mahfils should unfurl Islamic Flag on their offices and the Mussulmans in General at their houses.—Orient Press.

"Food Crisis"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—Your leader in this morning's "Bombay Chronicle" deals with the present food situation in India, and the conclusion you reach is that the present shortage may well be the result of unrestricted export to foreign countries. Unfortunately, no figures are quoted in support of the view that the present state of affairs may have arisen in this way.

Current statistics show that in regard to Grain, Pulse and Flour, the total exports for the last six months, i.e. April/September, 1942, (the latest figures I have been able to find) were Rs. 3-3/4 crores, being a reduction on the figures for the six months April/September, 1941, which were Rs. 4-3/4 crores.

In regard to Tea, the figures are Rs. 13-1/2 crores against Rs. 15 crores—again a reduction.

Sugar has increased from a few lakhs to Rs. 1 crore, but even Rs. 1 crore is a minute percentage of India's production of some 3 million tons which would be valued at hundreds of crores. And it is common knowledge that excess production of sugar in India has been a major economic problem for years past.

In regard to Rice, the loss of Burma's rice is a matter of 1-1/2 million tons to India's production of, say, 25 million tons.

These figures appear to me to indicate that the problem of feeding India is solely an internal problem requiring a remedy applied to the internal trade of the country.—Yours, etc.

A. McINTOSH.

8 Dongarsi Road,
Malabar Hill,
Bombay, December 23.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

"So long as the Red Army can keep him (Hitler) fighting at high pressure in the season he had designed for rest, it is already helping to win for all the United Nations battles of next year's campaign.

—The London 'Times'

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Mr. Bertrand Russel proposes that a United Nations mission should visit India to settle the Indo-British problem

But suppose Sir Reginald Maxwell becomes too hospitable and insists upon settling the Mission itself in the utmost comfort and peace?

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It is now announced that during the first days of the North Africa operations General Eisenhower commanded Gibraltar and that "he was the first foreigner in two centuries to control that 'Rock of the British Empire.'"

Good heavens! Where IS the British Empire going?

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According to a Lucknow message "over 500 delegates from all over the country are expected to attend the forthcoming All-India Radical Democratic Party Conference."

But what is this A.I.R.D.P.C.—oh, sorry, we had completely forgotten. It's Comrade M. N Roy.

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Bombay Editor's Plea.

—Anglo-Indian Headline.

Well, how about it, brother?

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Morocco radio reports that Admiral Darlan and General Giraud attended a reception to Muslim leaders in Morocco.

And both the Admiral and the General talked no doubt of sacrifices by the Morocco Muslims for freedom of—France.

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Middle East Arabs are reported to be perturbed over efforts by American Senators and Congressmen to secure the Zionisation of Palestine.

What had they been expecting, these simple-minded people? The nationalisation of Palestine?

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In his birthday greetings to M. Stalin, Mr. Churchill said that they were watching with admiration the magnificent offensive of the Red Army.

M Stalin's reply "sincere thanks for your message—" is brief, but to the point, too.

With the best will in the world the Russian leader couldn't find anything more to mention in reciprocation.

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"Incidentally, Soviet units are now once again back at the borders of the Ukraine."

—Reuters.

In fact, they are there irresistibly.

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A Frenchman and an Englishman met in the bar of the hotel. After a few remarks, the Englishman asked him what he would like to drink.

"Oh," replied the other, "I'll have ze contradiction."

"The contradiction? What sort of a drink is that?"

"Well," said the Frenchman, "you put in the whisky to make it strong, the water to make it weak, the lemon to make it sour, the sugar to make it sweet. Then you say, 'Here's to yoh' and—you drink it yourself!"

MAHASABHA AND MINORITY QUESTION

Savarkar On Viceroy's Speech

BOMBAY, December 23.

Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the Hindu Mahasabha, in the course of a statement to the Press says:—"I appreciate the emphasis the Viceroy has laid at least on the geographical unity of India and the fervent appeal His Excellency has made to maintain this ancient integrity of our country on grounds of practical politics also. Reasonable safeguards to minorities must be given and the League of Nations has already shown us the way in one of the most authoritative works formulating what reasonable safeguards of minorities really mean. But His Excellency, perhaps inadvertently, uses the term "fully satisfactory to the minorities" instead of clarifying the safeguards reasonable.

Fortunately our countrymen, including the Parsis, Jews, Christians and even the Anglo-Indians have ever extended their hand of friendship. The majority did support the integrity of India. Reasonable safeguards for the minorities, the Hindu Mahasabha is ever willing to guarantee. The fact is that it is not a question of the minorities but of one minority, the Muslim minority. The only safeguard which can be satisfactory to this Muslim minority is, as has been most definitely declared by them, to lay an axe at the root of Indian integrity. Thus we are caught in a vicious circle. The self-destructive solution is put forward to save the integrity of India as a nation.—A. P.

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

The Flag salutation ceremony in connection with "Jinnah Day" in the 'B' Ward District Muslim League will be performed by Mr. Aziz Gafoor Kazi, M.L.A. and Secretary of the Provincial Muslim League, at 9 a. m. on Friday the 25th December.—Orient Press.

JAIN-BHATIA MARRIAGE

The Marriage of Mr. KANTILAL GULABCHAND SHROFF, residing at 71, Marine Drive and KESARBHEN daughter of JIVANDAS BHAGVANDAS THAKKAR, residing at Walkeshwar, took place at Khar, Suman-Vihar at 12 noon on TUESDAY, 22nd Dec. 1942 in the presence of Friends and Well-wishers.

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Announcement

Mr. T. BUTANEY, B.A., Expert Pricelogist and Author of "How To Forecast Prices.." is on a short visit of two weeks in Bombay. All interested in Cotton Cloth, Linseed and Shares are welcomed to consult him and take his expert advice. He will supply them with 35 sure days of Teji and Mandi till 31st March '43 and also one long line in Cotton for nominal fees only. No interview without previous appointment either in person, or by Post or by Phone 42154. Time 9 to 11 a. m. SAVOY HOTEL, Rooms 8 & 9 Next Bombay Central.

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BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Dec. 23.

The last session of the closing year on the local Stock Exchange experienced another rude jerk where heavy liquidation resulted in a sharp decline. The rush of sellers in the absence of any support resulted in a state of panic but lower levels attracted buyers and prices recovered from extreme low levels reached soon after the opening. Tata Steel Dfd. shares which closed yesterday at Rs. 1517 opened at Rs. 1430 and declined to Rs. 1410. At this level buyers appeared and prices recovered to Rs. 1470 and steadied at Rs. 1450 Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 299 and after declining to Rs. 296 advanced to Rs. 303 Century Mill shares after touching Rs. 555 rallied to Rs. 574 and Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1540 and improved to Rs. 1589 Associated Cement shares opened at Rs. 196 and turned to Rs. 200. The improvement is a natural feature after a drastic collapse. The decline has impaired confidence and while prices may improve further in the near future but the market will be influenced by war developments. It will take time to restore confidence. The market closed at 1-30 p.m. with a feeling of uncertainty. The Share Bazar will reopen on the 3rd proximo.

TEXTILE SECTION.

Ahmedabad Advance 383/12; Bharat Mills 71; Bombay Dyeing 1505; Central India 369; Century 578; Colaba Land 218; Dawn 1110; E. D. Sassoon 2-15 1/2; Finlay 294/8; Gokak 325; Hindustan 3725; Ind. Manfg. 3580; Ind. Bleaching 212; Indore Malwa 730; Khatau 320; Kohinoor 587; Lakshmi 1110; Madhowji 21/8; Minerva 161/4; Model Nagpur xd 295; Morarji 750; Mysore 178; New Great 345; Phoenix 645; Podar Mills 260; Sassoon Silk 105; Sholapur 8400; Simplex 242; Svadeshi 431; Swan 268; Tata Mills 46; Vishnu 2002/8; Western India 3275.

INSURANCE SECTION.

Bom. Life 162/8; Empire Life 675; Ind. Mercantile 72; Indust. and Prudent 34; Jupiter 16/10; New India 56/4; Oriental 4410; Vulcan 11/2.

HYDRO & ELECTRIC SECTION

Ahmedabad 192/6; Ajmere 13/7; And. Valley Ordy. 1750; Bom. Tram Ordy. 130; Bom. Suburban 162/8; Broach 13/8; Karachi 225; Poona 225; Surat 265; Surat New Rs. 50/Pd. Prem. 70; Tata Hydro Ordy. 180; Tata Power Ordy. 1620.

BANK SECTION.

Bank of India 155; Baroda 129; Bom. Provincial 57; Central Bank 56/8; Imperial Bank F.P. 1645; Imperial P.P. 352/8; Reserve 100/8; Union 6/14.

PREFERENCE SHARES.

7 per cent And. Valley 1647/8; 6 per cent Bom. Steam xd 335; 7 per cent Bom. Tram 78/8; 6 per cent Central India 682/8; 6 1/2 per cent Jupiter 15; 6 1/2 per cent Surat 193/12; 6 1/4 per cent Prem Const. 1st 125; 6 1/4 per cent Prem. Const. 2nd 125; 6 per cent Tata I. and S. 1st 203/2; 7 1/2 per cent Tata I. and S. 2nd 125; 7 1/2 per cent Tata Power 1640; 7 per cent Hydro 155; 7 per cent Vishnu 775.

DEBENTURES.

4 per cent And. Valley 104/12; 4* per cent Tata Power 105; 5 per cent Shol. Rs. 64/Pd. 72/12; 6 per cent Marsland Price 113/8; 4 per cent Tata Chemical 166.

RAILWAY SECTION.

Ahmedabad Prantej 921/4; Cent. Provinces 198; Dhond Baramati 105; Gujarat 106; Hoshiarpur Doab 102; Mandra Bhon 108; Mymensing Rebate 101; Mymensing Gtd. 105; Pachora Jamner 99; Sara Sirajganj 104/8; Sialkot Narowal 115; Sialkot New 48/8; Sind Light 75; Upper Sind Light 114.

MISCELLANEOUS SECTION.

Alembic Chemical 310; Alcock Ashdown 575; Asso. Cement 199; B.B. Petrol 2; Bel. Sugar 220/8; Bom. Burma Old 330; Bom. Burma New 107/8; Bom. Steam xd. 390; Ind. Radio Ordy. 357/8; Ind. Radio Defd. Invest. Trust 56; Port Prem. Const. 138; Port Canning 89; Scindia xd 22; Shivrajpur 61; Tata Ordy. 309; Tata Defd. 1460; Tata Chemical 21/8; Tata Oil 71; Wimco. 296; Burma Corp. 2/10; B.I.C. Ordy 5/11; Ind. Copper 1/15; Ind. Iron 28; Steel Corp. Bengal 19/12; New Vict. Ordy. 7/14.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Dec. 23.

Tata Ordinary 309; Tata Deferred 1460; Indian Iron 28; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 19/12; Bombay Dyeing 1605; Central India 368/12; Century 577/8; Gokak 326; Kohinoor 587/8; Simplex 242; Andhra Valley 1740; Tata Hydro 180; Tata Power 1620; Associated Cement 199; Belapur 220/10; Bombay Burma (old) 330.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Dec. 23.

The local market displayed unusual price movement. At the start there was heavy nervous selling from Calcutta operators and I.C.C. January after opening at Rs. 398 declined to Rs. 386. Local offices immediately took advantage of the unjustifiable decline and came out with free buying orders and prices rose to Rs. 403 all this happened within half an hour. This unusual price movement indicates utter nervousness and panicky feeling caused by raids on Calcutta. In these days of abnormal conditions it is better to be out of speculative risks, otherwise hasty actions will result in heavy losses. It may be mentioned that the decline of over of Rs. 50 per cent this week is mainly due to sentimental reason. The Government crop estimate of 4,438,000 is a bullish document and is just the quantity required by our mills and will not increase the carry over. The statistical position suggests higher prices eventually. There was moderate demand and the market was steady. The market finally closed as under :—

I. C. C. January	Rs.	400	8 0
I. C. C. March		394	0 0
I. C. C. May		397	0 0

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 23.

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0 Dollar Sterling Cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London spot and forward silver quotations stood at 23 1/2d. while New York spot silver was quoted at 44 3/8 cents.

The local bullion market was firm with active buying and heavy short covering. Silver after advancing to Rs. 105 reacted to Rs. 104 on profit-taking. The market was very sensitive and gold prices also firmed up. Quotations were as under :—

GOLD.

Ready	Rs.	67	0 0
1st Settlement		66	12 0

SILVER.

Ready		104	12 0
1st Settlement		102	12 0

LONDON SILVER.

London, Dec. 22.

Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD.

London, Dec. 22.

London gold fine per oz	£8-8-0

Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay, Dec. 23.

GROUNDNUTS MAY—			
Opening		76	0 0
Highest		78	0 0
Lowest		74	0 0
Closing		76	10 0
CASTORSEEDS MAY—			
Opening		75	10 0
Highest		79	4 0
Lowest		75	10 0
Closing		78	8 0
Linseed May		9	12 6

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, Dec. 23

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 Loan 94
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 93/12
3 per cent 1949/52 Loan 100/8
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 99/12
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 103/6
3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 95/6
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 101/12
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 110/4
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 114
3 per cent 1946 Def Loan 102/12

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 108/12
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore 117
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 127/8

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1974 108/8
4 per cent M Deb 1974 109/8
5 per cent M Deb 1959 109

Tone :—Steady

5 per cent M. Deb 1954 128
5 per cent K P T 1956 127

Tone :—Steady.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 23.

On Tuesday the New York cotton market was fairly steady with a moderate demand.

The Census Bureau Report states that 11,743,000 bales were ginned upto 13th inst. against 11,539,000 on the 1st December. Total ginnings in 1941-42 at this time of the year were 9,915,000 bales and in 1940-41 the total stood at 11,433,000 bales.

Prices on the New York Cotton Exchange advanced on trade price fixing and New Orleans and local buying stimulated by hopes that the new Congress will adopt a more generous price control policy towards farm products. Later on there was some profit taking and light hedging.

The market opened at a rise of 6 points with March quoted 19.05 and advanced to 19.08 which was the highest level. Thereafter prices declined to 19.01 and the market finally closed at a net rise of 3 to 8 points. The New Orleans cotton market was steady and closed at a rise of 6 to 4 points.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Dec. 22.

January	18.99+03
March	19.06+07
May	18.99+08
July	18.92+08
October	18.86+08
December	18.87+08
Middling spot	unreceived

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Dec. 22.

January	19.25+06
March	19.30+06
May	19.21+06
July	19.15+06
October	19.07+04
December	19.07+04

Indian Cotton Crop

Estimated area under cotton cultivation for the season is 18,256,000 acres or 18 per cent less showing a crop of 4,438,000 bales or a decrease of 19 per cent.

The table below shows the present estimates of area and yield, classified according to the recognised trade descriptions of cotton :—

Trade descriptions.	Area (in acres)	Yield (in bales of 400 lbs. net)
Bengals	1,820,000	657,000
Americans	3,136,000	1,283,000
Oomras	5,046,000	1,030,000
Broach	694,000	142,000
Surti	515,000	106,000
Dholleras	1,273,000	229,000
Others	5,772,000	991,000
Total	18,256,000	4,438,000

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A party was given to Mr. Abdulla Soomar at the Cricket Club of India on Tuesday on his appointment as Kamadia of the Ismaili Jamat by H. H. the Aga Khan. (Photo) Mr. Soomar speaking.

GRADY REPORT 'SUPERSEDED'

Washington View Of United Nations' Activities On War Fronts

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Washington officials said that the United Nation's activities on war fronts directly beneficial to India have "superceded" the Grady report and hence the little prospect of recommendation therein for wartime developments in India being fulfilled. It is explained that the vast amount of material, personnel, time, shipping, which might have been applied for fulfilment of the projects recommended by Grady have been used instead of direct action against the enemy on all war-fronts particularly in North Africa. It is also explained that Major benefits to India which should be derived from the fronts included firstly protection against Axis invasion, secondly eventual assurance in larger amount of shipping, particularly through shorter Mediterranean routes.

The Officials said that the United Nations have used on the war fronts different kinds of equipment than would be used for development in Grady's recommendations. Nevertheless, the basic elements are the same, such as copper, steel, etc. It is explained the United States Government Departments have highly approved nearly all aspects of the Grady report, and when strategic decision came to advance on certain war fronts it was decided, time, energy, materials, particularly shipping, must be diverted, towards India for war campaigns. It is recalled that the Grady report was almost entirely war time project, namely quick creation of war industries in India and not mainly concerned with post-war industrial development.

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

A message from London reads: "The announcement of M. Stalin's 63rd birthday in the Court Circular column of the "London Times" yesterday "destroys the last insular barricade against wholehearted recognition of our Soviet ally," said A. J. Cummings in the "News Chronicle" to-day.

Cummings, who pointed out that the announcement was given above the item about the Duchess of Kent, added that 20 years of Anglo-Soviet treaty was thus "clinched and ratified."

When will this class-conscious patronising attitude towards Russia stop? When will the Englishman understand that but for Russian resistance the course of this war would have been changed and that it is Russia that is the No. 1. Democracy in the fight for freedom inspite of the blue-blood of Mr. Churchill and the "costumes" of boxwalas of the European Gymkhana. It's like conferring the Order of the Bath on Josef Stalin and expecting Russia to get enthused by the honour done to that country.

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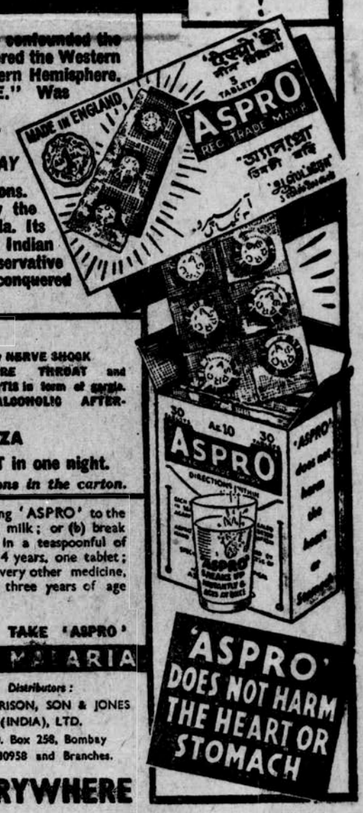

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